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- ☒ 5 A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

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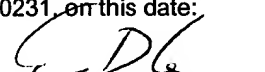
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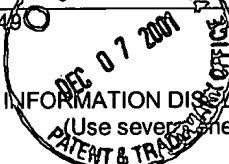
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	Two page European Search Report; Application No. EP 00 40 2311 and one page Annex thereto
	Weiss, R. et al.: "Hypersuit: A Hierarchical Network Search Engine That Exploits Content-Link Hypertext Clustering"
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